that the practice of placing deposits through competitive bidding has consequences for the economy, the Government has decided to continue with the above guidelines. Moreover, it was also felt that though these guidelines may lead to decrease in interest earning for some CPSEs, the move would benefit the economy at large including the borrowing CPSEs, due to overall reduction in the cost of funds.

Austerity measures taken by Government

1274. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of austerity measures undertaken and being undertaken by the present UPA Government;

(b) the extent of total expenditure every year by the UPA Government;

(c) the extent of savings made so far; and

(d) the share of expenditure for the establishment charges in terms of salaries, other allowances and perquisites every year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Ministry of Finance has *vide* Office Memorandum dated 7th September, 2009, advised all Ministries/Departments, *inter alia*, to effect mandatory cuts in Non-Plan expenditure under various heads and also issued instructions related to domestic and foreign travel, purchase of vehicles, holding of seminars and conferences etc.

(b) The net expenditure by the UPA Government for the year 2004-05 is Rs.4,98,252 crores, 2005-06 is Rs.5,05,738 crores, 2006-07 is Rs.5,83,387 crores, 2007-08 is Rs.7,12,671 crores, 2008-09 (Provisional) is Rs.8,81,469 crores.

(c) Information relating to the amounts saved so far will be available with the Ministries/Departments and their attached/subordinate offices.

(d) The expenditure on pay, allowances and travel expenses excluding Defence Services Personnel and Railways, are as follows:

	Pay	Allowances	Travel Expenses
Actuals 2004-05	103678.46	9316.91	894.80
Actuals 2005-06	10507.81	10238.15	1053.49
Actuals 2006-07	10791.73	11533.89	1084.04
Actuals 2007-08	12958.44	12098.57	1204.63
Revised Estimates 2008-09	26140.14	13421.42	1372.36
Budget Estimates 2009-10	33162.91	16579.03	1949.67

(In crores of Rs.)

Foreign loans

†1275. SHRI SHANTA KUMAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.